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SUBJ: SC CONSULTATIONS ON EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF  
UN OBSERVERS

1. FOLLOWING SC MEETING ON ME, SC PRESIDENT MCINTYRE CALLED  
FOR CONSULTATIONS TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN GOVT'S REQUEST FOR  
TRANSFER OF UN MILITARY OBSERVERS FROM THEIR POSTS TO CAIRO.  
(SEE SEPTTEL, TRANSMITTING EGYPTIAN LETTER CONTAINED IN UN  
DOC S/11013, 8, OCT 1973).

2. SC PRESIDENT (MCINTYRE OF AUSTRALIA) STATED MEETING OFF BY  
CALLING ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS TO URGENCY WITH WHICH SYG  
VIEWED EGYPTIAN REQUEST. SYG HAD ASKED SC MAKE NECESSARY  
ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT REMOVAL OF UN OBSERVERS TO CAIRO TO ENSURE  
THEIR SAFETY. SC PRESIDENT THEN ASKED FOR VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF  
SC, SAYING HE REALIZED INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOVTS MIGHT BE NECESSARY.  
SUDAN BEGAN BY POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE OF WORDING IN PARA 3 OF  
LETTER CALLING FOR TRANSFER ONLY (NOT REMOVAL) AND SAID THAT  
SUDAN WOULD AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH HUMANITARIAN REQUEST OF  
EGYPTIAN GOVT. CHINESE REMINDED SC OF THEIR POSITION ON MILITARY  
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OBSERVERS IN GENERAL, BUT STATED THAT SINCE REQUEST MADE BY

EGYPTIAN GOVT CHINA WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION. IN VIEW INSECURITY OF PRESENT POSITIONS AND QUESTIONABLE USEFULNESS OF OBSERVERS IN THOSE POSITIONS, KENYA SUPPORTED EGYPTIAN REQUEST.

3. MALIK (USSR) STATED THAT NO MEMBER NEEDED SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND ALL SHOULD BE ABLE AGREE TO SUPPORT REQUEST OF EGYPT IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF REQUEST AND DANGEROUS PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES IN AREA. HE THEREFORE ASKED PRESIDENT TO REPORT TO SYG THAT SC TOOK NOTE OF HIS LETTER AND AGREED TO EGYPTIAN REQUEST. GUINEA GAVE UNRESERVED SUPPORT TO EGYPTIAN REQUEST. INDONESIA AGREED TO REQUEST, BUT ASKED WHETHER SYG HAD RECEIVED PERSONAL OPINION OF UN CHIEF OF STAFF IN EGYPT. INDIA, PANAMA, YUGOSLAVIA AND PERU ALL AGREED WITH EGYPTIAN REQUEST. ONLY INTERVENTION REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION WAS MADE BY US (SCHAUFLE) WHO REQUESTED UN ASSESSMENT OF NEED TO TRANSFER OBSERVERS. HE NOTED LACK OF CURRENT READING FROM CHIEF OF STAFF AS TO IMMINENT DANGER TO OBSERVERS, HOW MANY IN FACT HAD ALREADY BEEN WITHDRAWN ON AUTHORITY OF CHIEF OF STAFF, ABSENCE OF REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA, POSSIBILITY OF GUARANTEES BY BELLIGERENTS FOR SECURITY OF OBSERVATION POSTS WHOSE LOCATIONS ARE WELL KNOWN, ETC. SCHAUFLE FINALLY NOTED THAT BATTLELINES IN FIGHTING CHANGE SO RAPIDLY THAT IT SHOULD BE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF CHIEF OF STAFF HIMSELF TO DETERMINE SECURITY NEEDS OF HIS PERSONNEL, AND SAID SC SHOULD EXAMINE HIS REPORT PRIOR TO COMMITTING ITSELF.

4. UK STATED THAT GIVEN URGENT HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS, BRITISH QUITE PREPARED TO ACCEPT JUDGMENT OF SYG ON SITUATION BUT HOPED HE WOULD FORM JUDGMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF OF STAFF UNTSO. AS A COMPROMISE, FRANCE SUGGESTED REPORT STATING SC HAD NO OBJECTION TO SYG RESPONDING AFFIRMATIVELY TO EGYPTIAN REQUEST AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF OF STAFF AS TO WHERE NEW OBSERVER POSTS SHOULD BE LOCATED. HOWEVER, THIS WAS BATTED DOWN BY KENYA, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY USSR, WHO STATED THAT IN EFFECT SC WOULD BE GIVING CHIEF OF STAFF VETO POWER OVER REQUEST OF MEMBER STATE AND REMINDED SC THAT OBSERVERS TOOK UP POSTS ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT OF MEMBER STATE.

5. AT THIS POINT IN MEETING, URQUHART (UN) ENTERED MEETING AND SAID THAT FULL REPORT FROM CHIEF OF STAFF WAS ON ITS WAY TO UN HQTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WOULD BE READY BY MORNING. URQUHART RESPONDED TO US QUESTION BY SAYING THAT IN FACT SOME OBSERVERS HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED ON AUTHORITY OF CHIEF OF STAFF.

6. IT WAS THEN AGREED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD REPORT TO SYG FACT THAT NO AGREEMENT REACHED, BUT THAT MAJORITY OF SC AGREED WITH EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO TRANSFER OBSERVERS TO CAIRO. SYG WAS TO BE TOLD FURTHER CONSULTATION WAS NECESSARY, AND AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED

FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF UN REPORT FROM FIELD.

7. COMMENT: AFTER MEETING URQUHART CONFIRMED TO SCHAUFEELE THAT TWO OBSERVATION POSTS ARE STILL MAINTAINED AND NOBODY IN DANGER. URQUHART FURTHER STATED THAT ORIGINAL EGYPTIAN REQUEST WAS COUCHED IN EXTREMELY HARSH LANGUAGE AND WAS RETURNED SO THAT IT COULD BE MODERATED. URQUHART'S PRIMARY POINT TO SCHAUFEELE WAS THAT SC SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION LEST ACTION BE TAKEN BY SC THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE EVENTUAL RETURN OF OBSERVERS TO THEIR POSITIONS.  
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